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Docket No.: 29915/6280M  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Mark E. Gurney et al.

Application No.: 09/869,414

Art Unit: 1647

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Examiner: C. Nichols

For: ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SECRETASE, APP  
SUBSTRATES THEREFOR, AND USES  
THEREFOR

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance, mailed April 7, 2004, the Examiner stated the location of support for the limitation "in cell culture of a cell-free system. This statement appears to relate to another application under consideration at the same time. This statement does not relate to the present application as none of the allowed claims recite this limitation.

The Notice of Allowance was accompanied by two interview summaries. Many of the issued listed in these interview summaries are moot as they pertain to restricted claims which were not rejoined upon allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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